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HOUSE RECESSES LEAVING FATE OF LSA IN BALANCE!

As we go to press, Congress has recessed with no action on HR 12125. If this extension bill does not receive favorable action, it will be impossible for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to make a request for money to operate the Library Services Act for fiscal 1962. This could mean no federal grants for library services after June 30, 1961.

WHAT THE LIBRARY SERVICES ACT PROGRAM HAS MEANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA

The quality as well as the quantity of library service to every library borrower has been increased since the inauguration of the Library Services Act Program in South Carolina. One of the most tangible results has been the wealth of material made available to libraries and their patrons through the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Project. Regional and unified county library demonstrations, workshops to improve library service, grants for students at library schools and special statewide programs have been made possible by LSA programs.

The discontinuance of these programs would seriously hinder the advance of library development in the state.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Talk with your Representative while he is at home during the recess. Urge board members, interested citizens, groups and organizations to talk with him. Stress the importance of HR 12125 in strengthening every existing library and in the establishment of additional libraries.

Support is needed for this vital legislation!

A-B-E CONTINUATION ASSURED

Continuation of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, South Carolina's first regional library demonstration, is at last assured. The county delegations have agreed to a \$.13 per capita increase over the previous annual appropriations. The per capita support from book funds will now total 63¢. Since under the terms of an extended demonstration offer, the State Library Board will match new money up to \$.25 per capita, the additional \$.13 will earn matching funds. This makes certain the continuation of the regional library with only a moderate reduction in budget.

CHESTERFIELD REFERENDUM

In spite of an intelligently planned and well carried out campaign for the establishment of county wide library service in Chesterfield County, the referendum to establish this service was defeated by the electorate in the June 14th primary. The campaign for the county library was headed by Colonel Ernest B. Stevenson who was ably supported by Mrs. F. Turner Waddill and a score of interested Chesterfield County citizens. No stone was left unturned to insure the successful passage of the referendum. Its defeat is a real blow to Chesterfield County which lacks the library facilities to serve either the cultural or economic needs of its citizens.

A Friends of the Library group has grown out of the Chesterfield campaign and this group will begin immediately to try to remedy some of the most pressing needs for library service in the county. The State Library Board plans to continue one large book deposit in a library in the county to be chosen by the boards of the four public libraries concerned. This deposit will be open to the other libraries in the county for interlibrary and deposits loans.

COLLETON COUNTY JUNIOR INTERN

The Colleton County Memorial Library has announced the appointment of Miss Gertrude Glover to its junior internship for this summer. Miss Glover is in her mid-senior year at Columbia College.

Her appointment brings the total number of 1960 junior interns to eleven.

JOINT MEETING ALA-CLA

The American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association held a joint meeting in Montreal, Canada, June 19-24, 1960. The theme of the

conference was "Breaking Barriers--An Inquiry into the Forces that effect the Flow and Utilization of Knowledge". The three general sessions were devoted to topics of interest to both the CLA and ALA. The ALA Council Meetings were concerned with the business of the Association and particularly with the necessity of an increase in dues. The plans for the new ALA headquarters soon to be constructed in Chicago were presented to the Association and discussed at length.

Topics which seemed to be under constant discussion both at program sessions and in informal conversations were: The problem of recruiting for the profession, the increasing load of curriculum-related reference work which the public library is doing, and the need for a more clearly defined set of standards for state library extension agencies.

FRANCES LANDER SPAIN HEADS ALA

At the ALA-CLA Joint Conference in Montreal in June, Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, former librarian of Winthrop College, became president of the American Library Association for 1960-61. Mrs. Spain is a graduate of Winthrop College and holds an A. B. in L. S. from Emory and a Ph. D. from the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. Mrs. Spain has been assistant in the Children's Room of the Jacksonville Florida Public Library; Head of the Department of Library Science at Winthrop College; Assistant Director of the School of Library Science at the University of Southern California; and a Fulbright lecturer to Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. Mrs. Spain is at present Coordinator of Children's Services in the New York Public Library.

LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTED AT HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL CONVENTION

At the fortieth annual convention of the S. C. Home Demonstration at Winthrop College, Miss Nancy C. Blair, Consultant on Work with Children and Youth, State Library Board, was one of the discussion leaders. Her topic was Good Reading for the Family at two sessions on the afternoon of June 21 and two on the morning of June 22 with approximately 60 members in each group.

The importance of beginning a reading program with the youngest children and the continuation of this habit was stressed. Examples of types of books for such a program were mentioned and displayed.

The sources of reading material - the public library, the home library, and books as gifts - were discussed.

Miss Blair called attention to the Home Demonstration Club Reading Program, which is sponsored by the State Library Board with the cooperation of the Clemson College Extension Service, and urged all clubs to participate.

LIBRARY-CENTERED ADULT EDUCATION MEETING

A day long discussion of library-centered adult education was sponsored by the S. C. State Library Board on June 6. The meeting was held in the Rare Books Room of the McKissick Memorial Library, University of South Carolina, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. Mr. John Osman, Fund for Adult Education, talked about adult discussion groups--the reasons for, the value of, the organization of, desirable characteristics of participants in, etc. He led a short demonstration discussion using the Declaration of Independence as a point of departure. In the course of the day, Mr. Osman offered to come back to discuss with the State Library Board plans for a state-wide adult education program. He offered also to hold leadership training sessions in two or three places in the state later in the summer.

Nineteen librarians and trustees attended the meeting. They were:

Miss Josephine Crouch and Miss Carrie Gene Ashley, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library; Mrs. Oliver Norwood, Anderson County Library; Mrs. Clara T. McCabe, Calhoun County Library; Miss Emily Sanders, Charleston County Library; Miss Nell Garrard and Mrs. Betty Hinton, Cherokee County Library; Miss Jane Porter, Chester County Library; Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Colleton County Memorial Library; Mr. Charles E. Stow, Greenville Public Library; Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher, Greenwood City and County Public Library; Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis and Mrs. Carlisle Shelley, Horry County Memorial Library; Mrs. Phil D. Huff, Laurens County Library; Mrs. Cyril Busbee, Lexington County Circulating Library; Mr. Chapman J. Milling, Jr., Carnegie Public Library, Sumter; Mrs. Angus Macaulay, Miss Estellene P. Walker, and Miss Dorothy Smith, State Library Board.

GALLANT CAROLINA BROADCASTS

Additional radio stations are now carrying "Gallant Carolina", a series of ten 15 minute programs on South Carolina, prepared and presented by the Junior League of Columbia for broadcast to the Columbia City Schools. The State Library Board secured the tapes for use in connection with the Carolina Trails Reading Club.

Listed below are the stations over which the programs can be heard. Librarians who are in the listening area of these stations are urged to publicize the series.

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| Aiken | Saturday | 10:15 A. M. |
| Anderson | Tuesday | 7:45 P. M. |
| Barnwell | Saturday | 11:15 A. M. |
| Chester | Tuesday | 7:45 P. M. |
| Florence | Saturday | 9:15 A. M. |
| Walterboro | Saturday | 9:45 A. M. |

BRANCH LIBRARY SOUGHT FOR NINETY-SIX

The possibility of a branch library at Ninety-Six was discussed Friday night, June 17, at a meeting of representatives from civic organizations in Ninety-Six. The meeting was called by Mayor W. A. Gardner at the request of the Ninety-Six Book Club. Attending were Miss Elizabeth L. Porcher and Mrs. Leo L. Wilson of the Greenwood City and County Public Library and representatives from the book club, the American Legion Post, the PTA, the school system, the Masonic Lodge, and the town council. Miss Porcher told the group that she thought bookmobile service was no longer sufficient to serve the needs of Ninety-Six and that a branch library was required. She explained the terms on which a branch might be established.

All representatives present voiced enthusiasm for the project and confidence that their organizations would support the branch library. Mayor Gardner, acting as temporary chairman, appointed committees to investigate the possibility of obtaining a building, to determine the cost of the project, to investigate the possibility of obtaining shelving and furniture, and to make contact with the various other clubs in order to obtain additional support.

Another meeting of the group has been set for Friday, July 1.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Special Staff on Aging began around June 15 to mail to the larger public libraries single copies of each of the background papers in the twenty subject areas of the White House Conference on Aging. The papers will arrive in several separate mailings, depending upon the release date of each of the publications.

Because of budget limitations, the distribution can be made only to public libraries serving populations of 35,000 and over, and to state library extension agencies. Any further supply, if available, will have to come from the governor's designee for the White House Conference on Aging, or through the conference regional representatives.

If your library serves 35,000 people or more, watch for these papers and publicize their availability.

LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT

- Helen B. Hogan. "Treasures in Paperbacks." UNC Library Study Outline (January 1960) 75¢. A 55-page, subject-arranged annotated list of 144 paperbound titles intended "to give the reader a clue to the wealth of material awaiting him in any bookshop." For more information see Wilson Library Bulletin, June 1960, p. 710. Order pamphlet from Interlibrary Center, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina, Drawer 870, Chapel Hill, N. C.
- Dorothy R. Homer. The Negro, a List of Significant Books. Annotated. 35¢. Order from the New York Public Library, 5th Ave. and 43rd St., New York 18, N. Y.
- Charlotte Georgi. Paperbound Books in Business and Economics. 10 p. 50¢. Order from Interlibrary Center, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina, Drawer 870, Chapel Hill, N. C.
- Natalie Mayo Edwin. "Anyone can Tell Stories". Wilson Library Bulletin, May 1960 pp. 658-660.
- Emile Holman. How to Hold a Meeting with A-V. Pamphlet free from Ednalite Optical Company, Inc., Audio-Visual Department, 200 N. Water Street, Peekskill, N. Y.
- "Poets' Portraits." Library Journal, May 15, 1960, p. 1862. Dell Books, publishers of Dell Laurel Editions, offer 12 x 8-inch portraits of Emily Dickinson, Keats, Longfellow, Coleridge, Wordsworth, and Whitman. The line and wash drawings are reproductions of the covers of the volumes in the Laurel Poetry Series. Free to libraries upon request. See article for address and more information.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Smoking is permitted in this library and I think almost every adult who uses it smokes furiously. Some days the smoke gets so thick you can hardly see across the room, much less breathe. The staff (not allowed to smoke on duty)

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and the children cough, sputter and weep. Yet our librarian refuses even to ask the board to change the rules and forbid smoking in the building. Is this right?

Red-Eyed and Choked-Up

Dear Red-Eyed and Choked-Up:

Yes. Open your mind and a couple of windows. Then you will feel better and realize what a good thing it is to have so many adults using your library.

Dear Anne:

I don't think I am getting fair treatment from my boss. She is forever riding me about mistakes--mis-shelved books, misfiled cards, typographical errors, errors in marking books, and such. None of these is serious. I think she is just expressing her personal dislike and everyone knows that the head librarian is supposed to be impersonal and impartial in administration of staff. What should I do?

Put Upon

Dear Put Upon:

What you should do is to quit making these errors, and promptly, or the really fair treatment for you will be dismissal. Small though they may seem, your misdeeds can cause big complications. The library's system of handling books depends on exact accuracy in clerical details and mistakes of the sort you mention can make chaos of it. For example, locating one mis-shelved book can take hours and even days of time better spent on other work. And have you considered the plight of the patron who needs information to be found only in the "lost" book, and, in turn, what this does to public relations? Straighten up before it's too late.

Do you have a problem? Write to Anne Library.

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Miss Frances B. Reid, State Library Board, back from a 6-weeks tour of Europe that took her into eleven countries and to such events as the Passion Play.

The Lancaster County Library exhibiting snapshots illustrative of various library activities and services.

Miss Estellene P. Walker, State Library Board, taking part in a symposium on the recent White House Conference on the Welfare of Children and Youth.

Mrs. Jean Brabham McKinney, former librarian of the Anderson Public Library, helping with story hour in the library, now headquarters of the Anderson County Library system.

Hartsville's League of Women Voters undertaking a study of the functions of library boards of trustees as they exist in other towns and cities "so that there will be some basis of comparison for evaluating our own library situation."

The Columbia Record bestowing its editorial praise on the Richland County Public Library.

South Carolina represented at ALA in Montreal by Estellene P. Walker, Nancy Day, Emily Sanders, Josephine Crouch, Evelyn Cuthbert, Mrs. W. L. Norton, George Linder, Bob Tucker, Gordon Gourlay, and Carolina Harper.

The Mentor Book Club which sponsors the Elloree Branch of the Orangeburg County Library, voting to pay for 15 books on South Carolina to be used in connection with the Carolina Trails Reading Club. Mrs. J. T. Felder is president of the Mentor Club.

Mrs. R. R. McMeekin of the Fairfield County Library staff having a busy time attending summer school at the University of South Carolina.

Chester County Library displaying an interesting collection of dolls dressed as characters, real or fictional, in books. Eighth grade English students dressed the dolls after they read the books in which the characters appear.
